

Remarks

The action includes a substantive examination of the Group II claims (claims 22-33, 38, and 39). However, in Applicants' response filed May 10, 2007, Applicants elected the Group III claims (claims 12-21 and 34-37) for prosecution in the present application. In a voice mail left for Applicants' representative on October 2, 2007, Examiner Raevis confirmed that the Group III claims should have been examined and that a new Office action including a substantive examination of the Group III claims and re-setting the three-month period for responding would be mailed in due course. Thus, Applicants believe the present Amendment is fully responsive to the action dated July 6, 2007.

By this Amendment, the non-elected claims (claims 1-11, 22-33, 38, and 39) have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to assert the canceled claims.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any issues remain prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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